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SUBJECT: GOL RELATIONS WITH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA

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1. CHRISTOPHER MINIKON, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, INFORMED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR MAY 3 THAT A NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE IN MONROVIA IN THE EVENING FOR A STAY OF FEW DAYS. BEYOND THAT, MINIKON SAID HE HAS LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE MAKE-UP AND PURPOSE OF THE DELEGATION. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THIS IS THE SAME DELEGATION WHICH VISITED KINSHASA LAST MONTH (REFTEL B).

2. THE GOL OFFICIAL PRESS SERVICE REPORTED MAY 3 THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAD DONATED \$100,000.00 TOWARDS LIBERIA'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. AT A CEREMONY AT THE THE EXECUTIVE MANSION MARCH 2 PRESIDENT TOLBERT TOLD KOREAN AMBASSADOR SOO WOO RYEE THAT "KOREA'S MANIFESTATION OF INTEREST IN THE WELL-BEING OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE IS CLEAR TO HIM AND ASKED HIM TO CONVEY HIS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT PARK CHUN HEE", ACCORDING TO THE PRESS SERVICE.

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COMMENT: THE GOL CLEARLY BELIEVES THAT IT CAN DERIVE BENEFITS FROM ITS RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AND IT IS MOST PROBABLY CORRECT.
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